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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Information Technology

FROM: Richard J. Kerr
Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT: Directions for SAFE

1. You have asked that we lay out in writing how the Directorate of Intelligence wants the SAFE program to proceed.

2. The Directorate's first priority is access to existing (that is to say, Delivery 1) functionality. This message is not a new one; we have consistently placed universal access to SAFE as our top priority.

3. As the attached graph shows, transitioning to Delivery 2 under the current plan would seriously impede our progress in working toward access to SAFE for all DI personnel. We are not prepared to defer working toward universal access for the extended period--a year or more--that the plan entails. We will accept delivery of the new software and conduct acceptance testing of it, but we will defer initiating the transition to production use of Delivery 2 until you can devise a plan that does not require that we cease adding users to SAFE for an extended period.

4. In the interim, we intend to add new users to Delivery 1 as quickly as our training and support resources will permit.

Richard J. Kerr

Attachment:
As stated

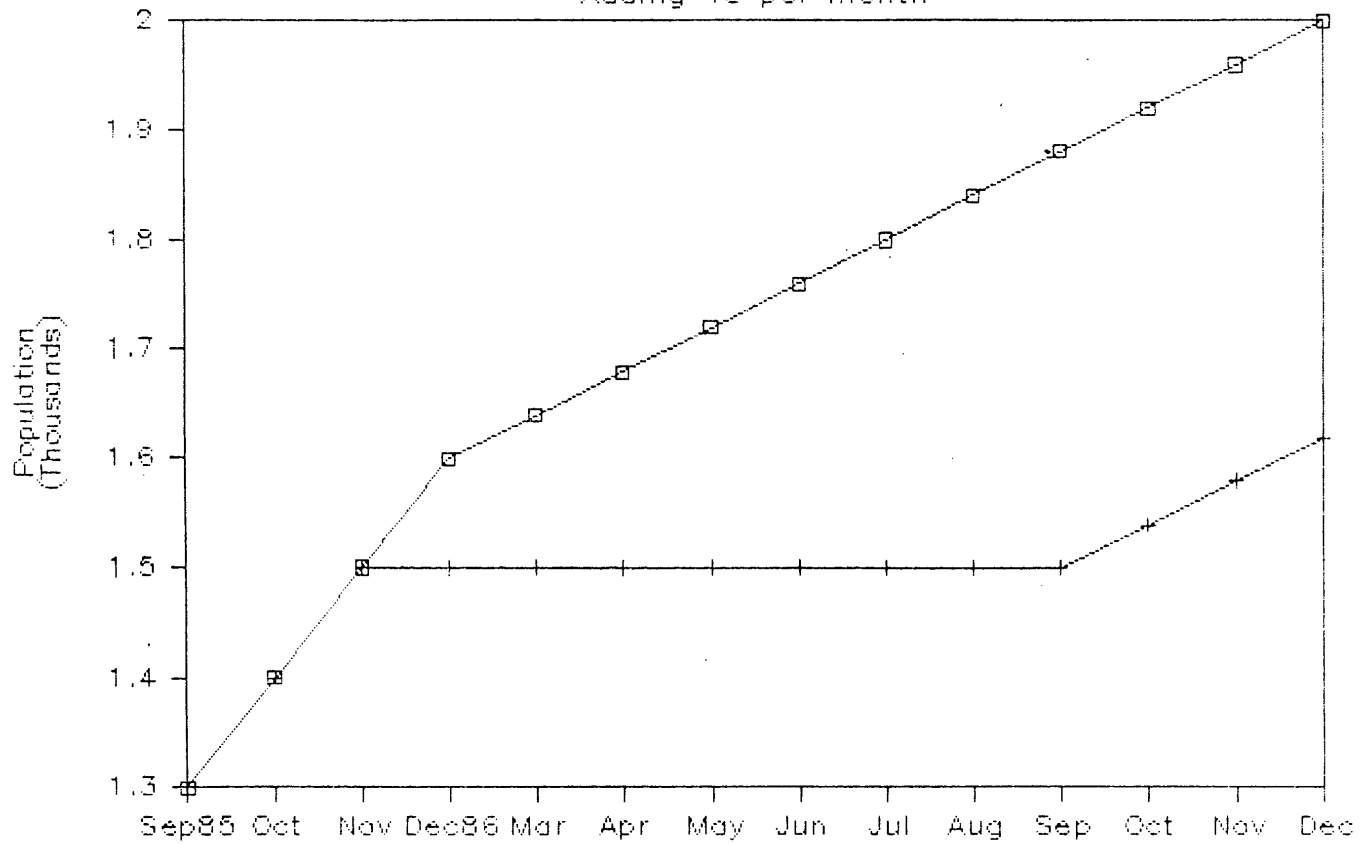
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SAFE Population Growth

Adding 40 per month



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SUBJECT: More Terminals for the DI

1. We have a pressing need to increase the number of terminals connected to OIT's central services by about 28 percent (600 terminals) in the next few months. Apparently OIT has decided that the proposal for installing port contenders is not a desirable solution to our problem. Indeed, I now understand that the draft notice you gave Bob and me during our meeting Monday states the plan you intend to follow: no more terminals with central system capabilities for anyone until mid-1986 at the earliest.

2. Apparently your decision on the port contenders rests on two arguments:

- We must avoid introducing additional complexity into a system that already is too complex to manage.
- We must cap the demand for computing services because our mainframes are at or near saturation.

3. It is not obvious to us why implementing the proposal would add significantly to the complexity of the system. Moreover, the part of your system involved, the telecommunications network, is not where the troublesome complexity lies.

4. We also think that trying to cap the demand for mainframe services by not connecting additional terminals is questionable. The number of terminals does not directly equate to use of mainframe services; because most people in the DI already have passwords and use your mainframes even though not from terminals on their own desks. Moreover, if there is additional latent demand, it will manifest itself anyway, as we reallocate existing underutilized terminals and share terminals between more users.

5. We do not claim to know whether port contenders are the best short term solution. We do know we need a solution which gives more of our people access from their desks to the system now, without degrading service or reducing reliability. We are prepared to fund, or help fund, any solution you develop. But it must be a solution that gives relief in the immediate future. We are not prepared to wait a year or more.

Richard J. Kerr

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